

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a<sup>1</sup> The application-oriented function part 411-511 provides some advanced functions for specific applications, such as sorting, image processing, basic operations of a database system (such as selection processing, projection processing, concatenation, and aggregation processing, and so on). The high-function NAS interface 510 may have, in addition to block I/O, interface for making use of advanced processing provided by the application-oriented function part 411. The system described in reference #4 and the one described in reference #5 may download functions of the application-oriented function part 411 from external devices. A

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a<sup>2</sup> The network 103 may be a LAN (local area network) used in an organization or in one working group thereof (here an organization may be an enterprise, a school, or a similar corporation). Also, the network 103 may be part of WAN (wide area network) or WAN itself, which may interconnects-interconnect a plurality of geologically dispersed points. In addition, the network 103 may be an interconnection network between computers, or a network interconnecting

processors within parallel computers. The network 103 may be an I/O cable (such as SCSI cable) connecting a computer and an ANS 104. \*

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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*a* When the function nodule 651 uses the function of the object access module .652, the function module 651 invokes a method in the object access module 652.

*a<sup>3</sup>* This method invocation will be at first sent by the module management part 650 to the protection module 654655 to determine whether the invocation will be allowed or denied (604), if invocation allowed, the method invocation request will be sent to the object access module 652 (607). *m*

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